

Applicant's Statement of Substance of Interview

As an initial matter, Applicant greatly appreciates the courtesy and consideration extended to Applicant's representative during the interview conducted on March 29, 2010. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 713.04, Applicant provides the following statement of the substance of the interview.

Applicant's representative and the Examiners discussed the differences between the method of operation of the invention according to the pending claims, as compared to that of the references of record. In particular, Applicant's representative explained that the method of measuring fluid flow to a suckling baby (and apparatus for accomplishing the same) via the use of an indicator pathway to indicate the amount of fluid drawn into a feeding pathway was unlike anything disclosed in the references of record. Applicant's representative and the Examiners additionally discussed a number of potential claim amendments, including amending the claims to recite that it is the amount of fluid drawn into "and retained in" the indicator pathway that indicates the amount of fluid drawn into the feeding pathway. None of the references of record disclose such a relationship between pathways. Applicant's representative and the Examiners also discussed a possible amendment to the claims to distinguish the structure of the feeding pathway from the structure of the indicator pathway. Finally, Applicant's representative and the Examiners discussed amending claim 1 to recite positive method steps to overcome the pending 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection. The Examiners agreed that the amendments should be sufficient to overcome the pending rejections.

Again, Applicant appreciates the Examiners' courtesy and consideration extended to Applicant's representative during the interview. If the undersigned misunderstood any part of the interview, as reflected in this statement of its substance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiners please contact the undersigned to discuss an appropriate resolution.